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the Central Pool is made to States/UTs including Haryana on a month to month basis after taking into account the availabiliy of stock in the Central Pool, interse demand of the States/UTs, market availability of commodities, seasonal factors, offtake against allocations made, etc. The allocation of levy sugar is made at an uniform norm of 425 gms. per capita as per 1991 population. The allocation made to Haryana State and lifting by the State Government during the last 3 years are mentioned in statement attached. It may be observed from the Statement that the lifting by State Government of Haryana is much less than the allocation.

Statement

Statement showing allocation of essential commodities to the State of Haryana during last three years and actual lifting by the States

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Commodity		Haryana		
	1994	1995	1996	
Wheat Allocation	138.40	210.92	207.60	
Lifting	34.60	52.70	111.60	
Rice	00.00	E4 E6	54.00	
Allocation Lifting	36.00 6.60	51.56 7.20	19.50	
Sugar (100% lifting)	79.60	79.68	86.13	
Edible oils	0.50	0.20		
Allocation Lifting	0.06	0.02	0.26	
Kerosene Allocation Lifting	153.88 153.70	156.83 157.96	159.60 160.36	

Production Growth Rate of Foodgrains

4729. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA: SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the rate of annual increase of foodgrains production fixed during the Eighth Five Year Plan;
- (b) whether the fixed annual increase of production was achieved;
- (c) if not, the rate of annual increase in foodgrains production, year-wise and the reasons for not achieving the target; and
- (d) the rate of annual increase in foodgrains production fixed during each year of Ninth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The average annual increase (growth rate) in foodgrains production is presently observed to be 2.7 percent, which is slightly lower than the average annual increase (growth rate) revised as 2.8 percent for the Eighth Five Year Plan i.e. 1992-93 to 1996-97.

(c) The percentage increase/decrease in all India production of foodgrains during 1992-93 to 1996-97 is as follows:

Year	Percentage Increase/Decrease		
1992-93	6.6		
1993-94	2.7		
1994-95	3.9		
1995-96	(-) 3.3		
1996-97	3.8		

The targetted growth rate in production of foodgrains has not been achieved on account of fall in production during 1995-96 for which the main reasons are attributed to decline in area especially under wheat, spatial and temporal aberrations in weather besides low and imbalanced use of fertilisers during the Eighth Five Year Plan period.

(d) The Ninth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised.

Domestic and Imported Wheat

4730. SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the farmers in the country have been paid very low prices for wheat as compared to the price given for the import of wheat;
- (b) if so, the difference between the prices given for domestic and imported wheat and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the production of wheat is going down in the country; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) The MSP of wheat in 1996-97 marketing season was Rs. 380/- per quintal which resulted in an economic cost of Rs. 618.14 (1996-97:RE)/quintal for FCI, after taking into account procurement incidentals and cost of distribution. The average C & F cost of imported wheat at Indian ports works out to Rs. 622/- per quintal.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. As per estimates, the production of wheat is likely to be 64.66 million tonnes in the crop year 1996-97 as compared to 62.62 million in 1995-96 crop year.

[English]

Welfare Scheme for SC/ST

4731. SHRI SHYAM LAL BANSHIWAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has

sent a proposal asking for financial assistance for a Welfare scheme for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the response of the Central Government thereto ; and
- (d) the assistance given for the Welfare of SCs/STs during the last three years to the State?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) Based on the proposals received from State Government of Rajasthan, the Ministry of Welfare releases financial assistance for implementing various welfare schemes for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(b) to (d) Statement is enclosed.

Statement

The financial assistance provided to the State Govt. of Rajasthan under various Central and Centrally Sponsored Schemes for SCs & STs during the last three years

	Name of the Scheme	Amount of Central Assistance Released		
1.	Centrally Sponsored Schemes of SC Boys Hostel	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
2.	Centrally Sponsored Scheme of SC Girls Hostel.	7.58	220.01	143.96
3.	Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Book Banks for SC/ST	-	12.78	-
4.	Upgradation of Merit for SC/ST	15.00	9.97	-
5.		8.33	-	0.94
3.	National Scheme of Liberation & Rehabilitation of Scavengers & their dependence of Coaching & Allied for SC/ST	dents -	686.00	1024.00
7.	Special Central Assistance to special component plan.	4.60	-	31.58
3.	Share Capital of State Sebadulation	887.37	1828.26	1619.91
).	Share Capital of State Scheduled Castes Development Corporations Centrally Sponsored Separation	9.80	74.95	54.99
0.	Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Post Matric Scholarship of SC/ST students	311.68	665.40	934.75
	Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1995 and SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.	39.88	57.50	83.60
1.	Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for children of those engaged in unclean occupations.	37.77	63.82	115.19
2.	Educational Complex			
3.	Special Central Assistance of TSP	48.19	20.64	18.78
4.	Grant under Article 275(1)	2202.79	2819.04	2467.32
5.	Grant-in-aid to State Tribal Dev. Corporations	600.00	600.00	600.00
3 .	ST Girls Hostels	30.00	-	50.00
7 .	Research & Training	-	66.74	33.37
3.	Ashram Schools for STs	6.14	7.93	5.66
),	NGO	24.50	-	•
١.	Central Sector Scheme of Special educational development programme for SC Girls belonging very low literacy levels	11.37	10.79	-
30 Girls belonging very low literacy	SC Girls belonging very low literacy levels.	-	-	5.65